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OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Official Statement from Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. Superintendent, Cumberland County Schools

Sometimes in life, we have to face personal challenges when we least expect them.

I have been diagnosed with cancer; however, the prognosis and outlook for recovery looks good. After consulting with my medical team, it was recommended that I begin treatment sooner rather than later. I will be in and out of the office for a period of time to address this personal health issue.

Since I joined Cumberland County Schools several months ago, I have been overwhelmed by the strength and cohesiveness of our Leadership Team and principals, the dedication of our students, educators and staff, and the tremendous support we receive on a daily basis from our parents and community partners. I am fully confident that this awesome work on behalf of children will continue, even if I am out of the office at times.

I am confident that my unwavering faith in God will carry me through this journey, and I look forward to remaining engaged with our school and community as we continue our work to provide the very best possible education to our students.

We are **Cumberland Strong** and will conquer this together.

Official Statement from Donna Vann Chair, Cumberland County Board of Education

Our Board has been informed of Dr. Connelly's diagnosis. He has our full support as he undertakes his journey to beat cancer. Dr. Connelly has assembled a strong leadership team, and as he is in and out of the office during the course of his treatment, we have full confidence that the day-to-day operations of the school system will continue to run smoothly. As a Cumberland County Schools family, we will travel this road together and remain **Cumberland Strong**.

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